

**Park and Recreation Board**  
**September 25, 2012**  
**Minutes**

**Attendees:** Hughes, Miller, Cooper, Dow, Gunion-Rinker, Pinker

**Absent:** Schaeffer, Harris, Miller

**Approve July Minutes**

July minutes were approved as written, 4-0

**NDA meeting Schedule**

Herrigel handed out a list of upcoming neighborhood association meeting dates and locations and asked the Board members if they thought they would be able to attend the Oct or Nov neighborhood meetings to discuss the Park Board. The group said they would let Herrigel know which meetings they could attend. Lisa Gunion-Rinker offered to give the NDA leadership group a heads up regarding the Park Board visits to NDAs. Herrigel said she would develop a hand out describing the Park Board and would gather other materials Board members could use at the NDA meetings. She said she would have materials ready for the Oct 8 meetings

**Park Board Revamp**

Herrigel noted that the City Manager is considering a staff reallocation which would allow her to focus more exclusively on the Riverfront Park development. She noted that if this staff change happens, Code staff would move to the Police Department, Beth Ragel would go to the City Manager's Office and Herrigel would move to the Johnson Creek Blvd Public Works facility to work under Kenny Asher, the Community Development Director.

Herrigel said that the Park Board and parks responsibilities would remain in her job scope. She asked the group what they thought about expanding the Parks Board to more of a *Natural Resources Board* to encompass more than just parks. Comments:

Hughes: Like the idea of expanding resources for Parks and Open Space resources in the City. The discussion should be what can we set aside for the future generations. We should also include the Community Gardens in our purview. We should have and use partnerships with groups like Johnson Creek watershed Council and North Clackamas Urban Watersheds Council. Maybe the City could establish an endowment for installing street trees.

Dow: Like the expansion of this board to natural resources

Gunion-Rinker: It would be good to link to other organizations like Friends of Trees etc. Also – I like the idea of doing Sustainability events and tours.

Pinker: I'd like to enhance and expand parks and natural resources in the City. Maybe we could put an article in the Pilot asking people to consider donating property that becomes available

Cooper: Like the idea of expanding the scope of this committee.

**Project Updates**

**Mt Scott Creek project:** under construction. In water work window ends at end of October.

**Klein Point (Riverfront Park, Phase 1):** Underway – should be done before Oct 31. Noted that time capsule located and oak tree assessed and found healthy.

**Wichita:** Herrigel visited Wichita with Kevin Cayson and Zach Perry (from Linwood NDA) to see whether volunteers could regrade the edge of the site. They determined that a contractor would have to do this work – so estimates are being sought from NCPRD and the city.

#### **District (DAB) Update**

Councilor Miller absent.

#### **Klein Point Tour – Riverfront**

The group adjourned to take a tour of the Klein Point project.